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Serial No.: 09/604,231

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For: *Corynebacterium Glutamicum* Genes Encoding
Phosphoenolpyruvate: Sugar Phosphotransferase
System Proteins

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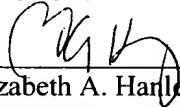
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2002 (Paper No. 9). A separate petition for the appropriate extension of time in which to respond is being filed concurrently herewith. Responsive to the Office Action, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 9-17, 25-33, and 39, without prejudice, and add new claims 40-58 as follows:

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